



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 3 2022

Principal's Message:

The Jacaranda festivities start this Saturday October 29 with the March of the Youth where teachers will meet the children at the Civic Centre at 8:30am. The following Thursday November 3 is Jacaranda Thursday with school finishing at 1pm. Please note buses do not alter their timetable for the day and alternative pick-up arrangements will need to be made.

Years 3-6 have been completing check-in assessments in Reading and Numeracy with some pleasing results. We have seen a pleasing student growth in student vocabulary which was a teaching focus for term 3. Term 4 teaching focus is on Listening and Speaking focussing in students being able to express and support their ideas. Students need to be congratulated with their application to the assessments this year.

We have had a revamp of our whole school Positive Behaviour Strategy and as a result you will notice students being acknowledged at morning assembly for the positive behaviour they demonstrate continuously around the school. Each week there will be a new behaviour focus shared in the newsletter.

The attendance target for Westlawn Public School is to have 85% of students attending school 90% of the time. For the first semester of 2022 we had 45% of students attending 90% of the time. We will continue to share our progress and work with the community to improve student attendance.

The next Grafton Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting which includes the AGM is November 14. See flyer below for more details.

The last term continues to be extremely busy with numerous events, excursions and activities occurring. Please keep updated and informed by checking the school calendar, Skoolbag, email or Facebook for information.

Trent Patterson
Principal

Year 6 students attending GHS Year 7 2023

Grafton High School have advised that the flood money won't be available at GHS school until the students start there next year.

However, next year the funds can be accessed for the Year 7 camp.

End Of Term Dates

Please note the new schedule for end of term dates is as follows:

Friday 16 December 2022 - students last day of Term 4

Monday 19 December 2022 - extra school development day

Tuesday 20 December 2022 - last day of Term 4 (already planned as school development day)

Positive Learning Behaviour - PBL

Each week the teachers and students will be focusing on a particular area of our school to revisit the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Expectations. This week the focus is:

MOVING AROUND THE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

This also includes the corridors, stairs and main office.

Pebbles, our PBL school mascot, encourages the students to follow the PBL expectations across the school.



Be a Learner	Be a positive role model If you are on a message complete the task and return to class quickly and quietly
Be Respectful	Move quietly around the school - walk no talk on the stairs and in the corridors Wait quietly for assistance at the office Always use your manners Enter learning spaces quietly Don't forget to knock
Be Safe	Keep to the left on the stairs and in corridors Use the correct stairs Walk on stairs and in corridors Have teacher permission during break times to enter the buildings

Sporting News

NSWPSSA Athletics Championships

Owen competed in the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on October 19. Owen ran in both the 800m and 1500m events. He finished 34th in the Junior Boys 800m and 35th in the Junior Boys 1500m. These are outstanding results. Congratulations, Owen, on your brilliant achievements in athletics this year!



Boys Cricket Knockout Result

Westlawn took on Maclean PS at JJ Lawrence Fields last Monday. Maclean won the toss and elected to bat. Westlawn bowled and fielded very well. Each bowler did a great job to bowl good line and length. The catching was top class with Digby, Toby and Lukas all taking absolute screamers. Maclean were bowled out in the 21st over with 82 runs on the board. A great result against a team that scored 162 runs in their last match. Wicket takers for Westlawn were Bailey (3), Jerrash (2), Lucas (1), Ethan (1), Toby (1), Chad(1) and Lukas (1).

The Westlawn innings started well with Jacob and Flynn facing up against outstanding bowling by the Maclean opening pair. Runs were hard to come by, but Jacob kept the scoring ticking over through singles and a boundary. Flynn did well to hang in for three overs before being caught for one run. Chad and Jacob combined well to take the score to 1 for 21 before Chad was caught for two runs. Lucas added 6 runs to the tally and Jacob was finally dismissed for 12 runs. Ethan got the scoreboard moving with 12 runs, Max made two runs, Jerrash went cheaply for one run and Lukas made three runs before being run out. Westlawn were in deep trouble at 8 for 42 with seven overs remaining. In the end, it was a bridge too far as Ryley (0 runs) and Bailey (2 runs) were both run out. Toby was left stranded, not out on 0. Westlawn were dismissed for 50 runs and knocked out of the competition.

WPS Gardeners

Our budding gardeners have been busy last term planting and caring for a range of vegetables and flowers. Their efforts were rewarded this week with an impressive haul of carrots, beetroot and silverbeet being picked and taken home to share with their families. We're looking forward to expanding our patch and knowledge of how we can enjoy and benefit from our natural environment.



What's on in the library!

Upcoming Events



Chess and Checkers

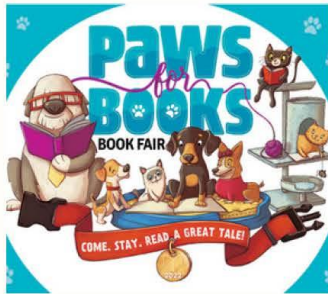
Starting Week 3

Book Fair

21st-23rd November

Book Character Parade

November 23rd



Chess and Checkers

Our annual Chess and Checkers competition has started in the library. Good luck to all students in Stage 2 and 3 who have entered the competition.

Chess Stage 2 Monday

Chess Stage 3 Tuesday

Checkers Stage 2 Wednesday

Checkers Stage 3 Thursday



Reminders

Please double check at home for any lost library books. These books will have the Westlawn PS barcode on the back at the top. I will be sending home notices in the next couple of weeks. If you think you have returned a book please let me know and we will be checking the shelves.



WESTLAWN TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 OCT	10 Students Return	11	12 Fire Truck visit for Kindergarten	13 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	14 Police visit Year 1 and Year 2
2 OCT	17	18 2024 Select Class Applications open	19	20 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	21 Year 6 half day visit to GHS Stage 2 Police visit
3 OCT	24	25	26	27 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	28 Jacaranda March of Youth on Saturday morning
4 OCT	31	1 GHS half day taster day Year 6 Kindergarten 2023 Parent Session 5.30pm	2 INFANTS SPORTS FUN DAY	3 Jacaranda Thursday (School open until 1pm)	4
5	7	8 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	9 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	10 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	11
6 NOV	14	15	16	17 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	18 2024 Select Class High School applications close
7 NOV	21 Book Fair open for sales GHS ORIENTATION Day	22 Book Fair open for sales	23 Book Fair open for sales Book Character Parade	24 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	25
8 NOV/ DEC	28 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	29 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	30 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day	1 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day	2 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day
9 DEC	5 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	6 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	7 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUPS 1 AND 2 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	8 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2	9 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2
10 DEC	12 ANNUAL AWARD PRESENTATION DAY 11.45AM	13	14 YEAR 6 FAREWELL STAGE 2 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA INFANTS SPECIAL AWARD ASSEMBLY	15 Special Awards Assembly Christmas Carols Night	16 STAGE 3 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA STUDENTS LAST DAY of ter
11 DEC	19 Extra Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day			



Grafton Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group



General Meeting followed by AGM Meeting Notice

HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

You can sign up to be a local member by attending the next meeting.

All members of the community can become members of the AECG, but only Aboriginal adults (18 years and over) can vote and hold office bearers positions.

One of the goals for 2023 is that we would like to have more Aboriginal people involved from community and those working within our local schools.

The Grafton local AECG will be holding an information and membership session that will include Merit Selection Training.

If you would like more information email:
graftonlaecg@gmail.com
Or visit: www.aecg.nsw.edu.au

Grafton LAECG

**14th November
2022**

4:00pm

**Grafton Public
School**

WHAT CAN YOU DO WHILE YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE AECG

- Work on programs for Education
- Be a member of a selectin panel for vacant teaching positions
- Help the community to be a part of local schools

**We would like to invite Families to join the Grafton AECG to be an
integral part of Aboriginal Education**